

It is announced that at the session of Congress to be called immediately after the inauguration of McKinley that no legislation will be considered except an increase in the tariff.

Gov. BUSHNELL has announced that under no circumstances will he appoint Mark Hanna to the United States Senate to succeed John Sherman on the latter's entering the McKinley Cabinet.

Gov. STEPHENS has appointed A. Rozelle, Chairman of the Populist State Central Committee, Labor Commissioner to succeed Lee Meriwether. We trust the new appointee will make as good an official as Mr. Meriwether has proven.

The De Soto *Facts* that shrieked and howled of the "hard times" before election would now have us believe that the country is glowing in prosperity. The "hard times" were here before election, we'll admit. But we can't see any change, now.

LYMAN GAGE, whom McKinley has chosen as Secretary of the Treasury, will do much to bring about the bimetallicism, which the Republicans promised so freely in the late campaign. Any other banker from the gold ranks would do just as much.

The prosperity, so freely promised by the gold-bugs during the campaign, as surely to follow the triumph of the Republican ticket, is now postponed until after the McKinley inauguration. Most thoughtful people are convinced that it will then be postponed until a silver leader is elected as McKinley's successor.

The State game warden says he has sufficient evidence to indict and convict violations of the game law in seven hundred different cases in various sections of the State. He proposes to make it warm for the dealers as well as the hunters, and says the offenders will be given the full benefit of the law. Several organizations of sporting men throughout the State are backing the game warden in his prosecutions.

The REGISTER is in receipt of a letter from R. H. Jesse, President of the State University, wherein that gentleman passes his opinion on about every important question at present before the Legislature, with his recommendation that "it do, or do not pass." President Jesse is a very modest man. There is no occasion to go to the expense of holding sessions of the Legislature. We should just turn all our law-making over to Mr. Jesse who thinks he is thoroughly competent to attend to it for us.

A GREAT many people point to the low rate of interest now prevailing as one of the signs that money is plentiful and that it is not any fault of our monetary system that we are not enjoying our full share of prosperity. There never was a greater delusion. The low rate of interest indicates that money is not in demand for investment. In the early days of California money commanded from ten to twenty per cent. and at times went higher. The reason is obvious, property of all kinds was rising, men preferred to invest their money. A man with a thousand dollars would rather put it into the channels of commerce than to hire it to another for that purpose. Investments were sure of a return, there was a profit in handling property, so where the security was gilt-edged, the interest had to be very tempting to induce any man to part with his money for hire. Now, when prices are falling, every man wants to hire his money and no man desires to invest it if he can help it. Ample security will secure large blocks of cash at three and four per cent. Free coinage will reverse this. Property will take an upward turn, interest will begin to climb higher, because the holder of money will desire to invest, and business will once more be placed on a safe basis.

DREADFUL, dreadful things have been happening in New York. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley-Martin are going to have a ball and they asked a Mrs. Bronson to lead the first dance. Thereupon a Mrs. Mills, who was to have been one of the guests, said that if Mrs. Bronson was allowed to dance in that cotillion she, Mrs. Mills, would express her displeasure by staying away. In order to avoid this terrible occurrence, Mrs. Bronson was tearfully pleaded with, and she graciously consented to give up the dance in order that Mrs. Mills might be exploited. Mrs. Mills says that she was a Livingstone, and that in this country a Livingstone has precedence over all others. It is rumored that the Astors are now inquiring where they come in, and it is even thought that one of the Mrs. Astors may lead the cotillion. All this is said. It is hoped that an amicable adjustment of the difficulty will be reached. It is hoped, also, that the participants in the dances will desist from begging the all powerful press to settle their differences. It is hoped—oh, so earnestly—that the Bradley-Martin-Bronson-Astor-Mills-Livingstone episode will not have any effect on the arbitra-

tion treaty, the tariff revision or the appropriation bills and will not break up hitherto happy homes.—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

It is also to be hoped that sometime the future will have evolved the damp-hool American element into the has-been; that the time will come ere long when the city newspapers will "fill up" with matter less disgusting to the mental palate than accounts of the doings of the aforesaid d. p. A's. For weeks past those journals have been filled to overflowing with Jenkinsonian accounts of things pertaining to the ball which is to cost \$250,000. Now we are to be instructed in the law of "precedence" governing the society of these apers of the aristocracy of the Old World—God save the mark! If there is an object in human creation more contemptible than any other, it is the misfit American who asks for "precedence" other than that to be obtained by personal merit. Give the world a rest on the Bradley-Martin inanities, and it will grow better and brighter.

Cuba Gives us a Lesson in Finance.

A lesson in finance comes to us from Cuba. Some time ago the Spanish government issued \$12,000,000 worth of paper currency. They were called "gold bills," but there is not any gold behind them, their backing being Spanish credit, which is low. Gen. Weyler used all the force of his army to keep this paper at par with gold, but has been obliged to give up. It is now at a discount of twenty per cent. and will soon go down to fifty. If the revolution succeeds it will be worthless.

The above is from a publication entitled *Our Times*, put forth by E. L. Kellogg & Company of New York so called "Educational Publishers." The idea seems to be misled the youthful mind in regard to the silver question. It suggests the old exploded notion that the silver dollar is redeemable in gold. It shows that Mark Hanna has not neglected to secure our educational journals along with other bribe-brac. Every boy or girl who reads the REGISTER understands that a nation like an individual must pay its debts as it agreed to where they are honestly contracted, but they know that the teacher who tells them that the United States owes one single gold obligation is an ass or something worse.

Gov. Stone.

Gov. Stone leaves the executive chair more popular and more entrenched in the affections of the people of Missouri than ever. He is as clean and pure as the ice of the northern lakes. His administration has been one of the best that Missouri has ever had. It has shed lustre on the great commonwealth.

It is a common saying that to be Governor of Missouri means the shelving, in a political sense, of the man who has had that high honor. This will not hold good as applied to Gov. Stone. His ability is too great, his statesmanship too broad for his services to be lost to his people and his party. The future holds much in store for him. He is to-day one of the most popular men in the country among the millions who believe that the affairs of government should be administered for the good of all the people and not for the favored few.

He goes from the executive office to practice law in the city of St. Louis, but he will continue to be one of the trusted leaders of the State and National Democracy.—*J. C. Tribune.*

A Wartime Mystery Solved.

The following, from Bismarck, Mo., under date of February 6th, appeared in last Sunday's *Globe-Democrat*: One night in June, 1862, August Schaefer heard a noise in his barn, on his farm, in St. Francois county. He got up from his bed, and without taking time to dress himself, went to investigate. He did not return, and his family and friends never saw him again.

It is said that he had made himself obnoxious to his neighbors, who were generally Southern sympathizers in the contest then waged between the sections, and that he had caused at least two of the leading citizens of the community to be publicly whipped for their rebel predilections. On another occasion he had investigated, if he had not actually participated in, an unsuccessful effort to assassinate one of the best citizens of the county for the same reason. Under these circumstances it was readily surmised by his family and others that he had fallen "into the hands of the Philistines;" but nobody seemed to know anything definite as to his fate.

Mrs. Schaefer, after a few years, married again, and moved away. The Schaefer farm was sold to Rev. John Hjnze, a Lutheran minister, who has since occupied the premises.

The sudden and mysterious "taking off" of Schaefer had been forgotten, till a few days ago, when "Uncle" Elishee Cartee, an octogenarian of seventy years' residence in the community, on his death bed told how the deed was done, and disclosed the place of execution and burial, but refused to say who, beside himself, were concerned in it.

Briefly told, the story as given by Mr. Cartee is this: On the night in June, 1862, a party of six or eight in number went to Schaefer's home on the public road leading from Dent Station (now Bismarck) to Iron Mountain. One of them caused a commotion among the stock in the barn near the road, and when Schaefer came to see what was the trouble they marched him off in his robe de nuit to Mr. Cartee's residence, about a mile north of where Bismarck now stands, where,

after an informal but impartial trial, he was found guilty of seeking to compass the death of his neighbors and sentenced to immediate execution. Accordingly the prisoner was taken at once to a hickory tree in the forest about a quarter of a mile west of the Cartee residence and hanged. As soon as life was extinct the body was buried, without coffin or shroud, under the same tree, and the grave was undiscovered until its whereabouts were revealed, as stated, by Mr. Cartee. Last Sunday the relatives of the unfortunate man removed the dust of the remains to the family graveyard at Doe Run. And thus time and death have solved the mystery!

Dreams of the Future.

With the wav'ring thoughts of the present they come:
And welcome intruders, they steal to our brain,
And the sweep with a sunbeam from cranny and nook,
Each lingering remembrance of past joy or pain.
And they tell us to hope, and forget all our sorrow;
And they sing us to sleep with "to-morrow, to-morrow."
And they paint us a wide arching rainbow of promise
Most boldly athwart our damp, tear-moistened sky.
But with truthful wand stern reality comes
And stretches a cloud 'twixt the how and the eye.
With dark, glowing thoughts of the past they come:
And they enter the brain with a stately tread,
And their somber attire rustles mournful and drear
As the autumn's sere grass o'er the graves of the dead.
And they moan in low cadence, a cloister-like chant,
And the drift of the moan is, "you can't no you can't."
And the shadow they cast o'er the heart is so dark,
That fear-stricken, hope, that bright creature of light,
Flees shiv'ring away from her lessening seat
And cowering outside, waits the passing of night.
JAMES A. GREASON.

"There are Others."

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Executor's Sale.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of the Probate Court of the County of St. Louis, and State of Missouri, made at the August term, August 12th, 1895, thereof, I, Henry Bopp, executor of the estate of Sebastian Bopp, Sr., deceased, will, on Saturday, February 20th, 1897, at the east front door of the courthouse in the city of Ironton, in Iron county, Missouri, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, and during the session of the Probate Court, sell, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, the following described real estate, to wit:

The northeast quarter of the southeast quarter, and the east half of lots numbered one, two and three of the northeast quarter of section one (1) in township thirty-three, (33) north, range three (3) east; also so much of the north half of lot number two of the southwest quarter, and of lots one and two of the northwest quarter as lies west of a small creek called Buckner's Branch and on the south side of Stout's creek, and so much of lot number three of the northwest quarter as lies south and west of Stout's creek—all in section six (6) in township thirty-three, (33) north, of range four (4) east, containing three hundred and ten (310) acres, more or less—less sixteen (16) acres decided to Kessling in lot three of the northeast quarter of section one (1) in township thirty-three, (33) north, range three (3) east. HENRY BOPP, Executor of the estate of Sebastian Bopp, Sr., deceased.
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